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ORGANIZATION  
AND  
PROCEEDINGS FOR 1894-'95  
OF THE  
COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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*Compiled by the Publication Committee and Secretary\**

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## ORGANIZATION OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING

On Friday, March 9, 1894, 4:30 p m, a conference was held in the President's room in Columbian University, Washington, District of Columbia, pursuant to the following invitation:

BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY,  
WASHINGTON, *March 6, 1894.*

SIR: At the request of several gentlemen I have the honor to invite your attendance at a conference in the President's room of Columbian University, corner H and 15th streets, on Friday afternoon, March 9, at 4:20 p m. The purpose of the conference is exchange of views as to the best means of gathering and preserving the history of the national capital.

Yours with great respect,  
(Signed)

W J MCGEE.

There were present Marcus Baker, Kate Field, Lawrence Gardner, G. Brown Goode, A. B. Hagner, W J McGee, Theodore W. Noyes, J. M. Toner, A. R. Spofford, M. I. Weller, and James C. Welling.

Mr McGee called the meeting to order and stated its purpose to be "Exchange of views as to the best means of gathering and preserving the history of the national capital." He suggested, in general terms, three courses:

*First.* Do nothing;

*Second.* Increase the membership and widen the scope of existing organizations;

*Third.* Form a new organization for the specific purpose of gathering and preserving the history of the national capital.

He then suggested a temporary organization to facilitate discussion.

On motion of Dr Toner, President Welling was elected temporary chairman and Mr Baker temporary secretary.

On assuming the chair President Welling referred briefly to previous movements of related purpose, and read the names of persons invited to attend this conference.

It was moved by Dr Toner that "In the opinion of this meeting it is advisable to form an historical association."

In discussing this motion, Kate Field inquired whether the object of the proposed association was not so closely related to that of the Memorial Association of the District of Columbia as to endanger conflict of interests.

Judge Hagner, a member of the Memorial Association, replying, stated the chief object of that association to be the preservation and suitable marking of objects of historical interest, while the field of the proposed society would necessarily be wider. He also mentioned attending a recent meeting of the Memorial Association at which the subject was discussed, and stated the prevailing opinion at that meeting, and his own conviction, to be that the two societies would not conflict, but might "coëxist to mutual advantage." He added that there is no feeling on the part of members of the Memorial Association against the present movement.

Mr McGee stated that he had conferred with several members and officers of the Memorial Association and had found no opposition to the formation of an historical society. He spoke also of the American Historical Association, of which several members were present, as one of the organizations with which coalition might be sought if deemed wise.

Mr Weller supported Dr Toner's motion, mentioning as an illustration of the need of more accurate historical records the destruction of Anacostia bridge, long supposed to be the work of British troops, but shown by trustworthy records to have been wrought by our own countrymen.

Dr Toner inquired if Miss Field knew of any feeling antagonistic to the movement, to which she replied that she had no definite knowledge of such feeling, but had an impression that some might be dormant in an existing society of related aim.

In reply to an inquiry, Mr Spofford, a member of both the Memorial Association and the American Historical Association, expressed himself as heartily in favor of organizing a local historical society, which, he believed, would in no way antagonize either of those eminently useful associations.

Dr Toner's motion was then adopted unanimously.

For the new organization Mr McGee proposed the name Columbia (or Columbian) Historical Association (or Society). Mr Baker suggested Historical Society of Washington. After brief discussion, the name COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY was adopted.

On motion of Dr Toner, it was voted that a committee of five, of which the temporary president should be chairman, be appointed by the chair to draft a constitution.

On motion of Mr Weller, it was voted that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to arrange for chartering or incorporation.

On motion of Mr McGee, it was voted that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to designate offices and nominate officers.

Judge Hagner referred to the interdependence of the work of the three committees; whereupon it was moved that they be instructed to coöperate and, when ready to report, to advise the Secretary, who should call a meeting. The motion was adopted.

The list of persons invited to attend this conference was then read, with remarks concerning each by Mr McGee, who stated that, except those absent from the city, all but two had responded in person, by letter, by oral message, or by representative, and that all responses indicated an active interest in the movement. (This list is appended hereunto.)

It was thereupon voted that the thirty-six persons invited to the conference be regarded as founders and their names included in the charter.

On motion of Mr Weller, it was voted that when the conference adjourn it be subject to call.

The chairman then announced the following committees :

On Constitution—James C. Welling, chairman ; A. B. Hagner, A. R. Spofford, J. M. Toner, John G. Nicolay.

On Charter—M. F. Morris, chairman ; G. Brown Goode, John W. Ross, Hugh T. Taggart, Lawrence Gardner.

On Officers—W J McGee, chairman ; Gardiner G. Hubbard, James F. Hood, Theodore W. Noyes, M. I. Weller.

The signatures of those present were then attached to a copy of the call and list of persons invited, and at 5:30 p m the conference adjourned.

MARCUS BAKER,  
*Temporary Secretary.*

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FOUNDERS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*(List of 36 Persons to whom Invitations were sent)*

1. Henry Adams, 1603 H street.
2. Marcus Baker, U. S. Geological Survey.
3. Swan M. Burnett, 1770 Mass. Ave.
4. William E. Edmonston, 1220 Mass. Ave.
5. Kate Field, The Shoreham.
6. Worthington C. Ford, Metropolitan Club.
7. Melville W. Fuller, 1800 Mass. Ave.
8. Lawrence Gardner, The Shoreham.
9. William W. Godding, Gov't Hospital for the Insane.
10. G. Brown Goode, U. S. National Museum.
11. Alexander B. Hagner, 1818 H street.
12. Teunis S. Hamlin, 1306 Conn. Ave.
13. William T. Harris, 914 Twenty-third street.

14. John Hay, 800 Sixteenth street.
15. James F. Hood, 1017 O street.
16. Gardiner G. Hubbard, 1328 Conn. Ave.
17. John F. Hurst, 1701 Mass. Ave.
18. Elizabeth Bryant Johnston, 1320 Florida Ave.
19. John J. Keane, Catholic University.
20. Samuel P. Langley, Metropolitan Club.
21. Henry Cabot Lodge, 1765 Mass. Ave.
22. W J McGee, Bureau of American Ethnology.
23. Randolph H. McKim, 1621 K street.
24. Martin F. Morris, 1314 Mass. Ave.
25. John G. Nicolay, 212 B street southeast.
26. Theodore W. Noyes, 1616 S street.
27. John W. Powell, U. S. Geological Survey.
28. J. Havens Richards, Georgetown University.
29. E. Francis Riggs, 1311 Mass. Ave.
30. John W. Ross, office District Commissioners.
31. Ainsworth R. Spofford, 1621 Mass. Ave.
32. Hugh T. Taggart, 3249 N street.
33. Joseph M. Toner, 1445 Mass. Ave.
34. Michael I. Weller, 400 Penn. Ave. southeast.
35. James C. Welling, 1302 Conn. Ave.
36. William L. Wilson, 1010 N street.

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#### MINUTES OF SECOND OR ORGANIZING MEETING

Meeting held in the President's room, Columbian University, Thursday, April 12, 1894, 4:30 p m. There were present Marcus Baker, Kate Field, Lawrence Gardner, W. W. Godding, A. B. Hagner, W. T. Harris, J. F. Hood, Gardiner G. Hubbard, Elizabeth B. Johnston, W J McGee, John G. Nicolay, A. R. Spofford, J. M. Toner, and M. I. Weller.

Mr Spofford read a letter from President Welling expressing regret at his enforced absence through illness, and asking him, Mr Spofford, to call the meeting to order.

On motion of Dr Toner, Mr Spofford was elected chairman *pro tem*.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

On behalf of the three committees appointed March 9, Dr Toner made a statement and submitted drafts of a constitution and of articles of incorporation, which papers were read by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr Baker, it was voted to incorporate under the general law and in accordance with the articles just read, which had been prepared by Justice Morris.

Mr Gardner moved the adoption of the constitution as reported, and, after brief discussion, the motion prevailed; and Chairman Spofford then announced that the preliminary organization of the Columbia Historical Society was completed, and that the Society was ready for the transaction of such business as might properly come before it.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers by ballot, in accordance with the constitution, with the following result:

President, Dr J. M. Toner.

Vice-Presidents, Gardiner G. Hubbard.

A. R. Spofford.

Recording Secretary, Marcus Baker.

Corresponding Secretary, M. I. Weller.

Treasurer, E. Francis Riggs.

Curator, James F. Hood.

Councilors, 4 years, Kate Field.

4 " W J McGee.

3 " Lawrence Gardner.

3 " J. C. Welling.

2 " John G. Nicolay.

2 " A. B. Hagner.

1 " T. W. Noyes.

1 " Elizabeth B. Johnston.

The Secretary was then authorized to furnish the press with an account of the meeting, and at 6:30 p m the meeting adjourned.

MARCUS BAKER,  
*Recording Secretary.*



## CONSTITUTION OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*(Adopted April 12, 1894)*

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be styled THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be the collection, preservation, and diffusion of knowledge respecting the history and topography of the District of Columbia and national history and biography.

ART. 3. This Society shall consist of active, corresponding, and honorary members. Active members shall be residents of the District. Honorary members shall be those eminent in historical attainments resident elsewhere.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator, and eight Councilors, who together shall constitute an executive body, to be called the Board of Managers. A quorum of the Board shall consist of eight members.

ART. 5. These officers shall be elected annually to serve for one year or until their successors are chosen, except that the eight Councilors shall be divided into four groups, two to be chosen for one year, two for two years, two for three years, and two for four years; and after the first election two shall be elected annually to serve four years. All officers shall be chosen from among the resident or life members, by ballot, without formal nominations. A majority of active members present shall be required to elect, and no member whose dues are unpaid shall vote. The Board of Managers shall have the power to fill all vacancies on the Board. Members thus appointed shall serve until the next annual meeting.

ART. 6. New members may be proposed through the Recording Secretary, by two members, in writing, and the Board of Managers shall vote upon proposed members at

their next ensuing meeting. No nominee shall be elected against whom three negative ballots are cast.

ART. 7. An annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Monday in February, at which reports, the election of officers, and other business shall be in order. The regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday evening of each month, at eight o'clock, except during the summer adjournment, to be announced by the Board of Managers. At each regular meeting papers pertinent to the objects of the Society and remarks thereon shall be in order, and the Board of Managers shall determine the order for each meeting.

ART. 8. The Board of Managers shall have power to appoint committees on communications, the publication of papers, library and other collections, expenditure of funds, or for any other purposes, and shall exercise all governing powers not otherwise provided for in this constitution.

ART. 9. The annual dues of active members shall be five dollars, payable in advance, and the payment of thirty-five dollars at any one time shall confer membership for life; and all receipts from life members shall be invested as a permanent fund, the interest only to be used. All dues shall be paid to the Treasurer. No debts shall be contracted nor payments made except by authority of the Board of Managers.

ART. 10. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys received by him in bank to the credit of the Society, and his drafts on this fund shall be countersigned by the President. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be rendered annually and audited by a committee of three members, not officers of the Society, appointed by the President.

ART. 11. This constitution may be amended by a majority of members present at an annual meeting, but notice of any proposed amendment, which must be signed by not less than three members, shall be submitted in writing at least one month previous, at a regular meeting, to the Secretary, who shall mail a printed copy of such amend-

ment to every member at least one week prior to the annual meeting.

Adopted by joint committee March 31, 1894.

(Signed)

M. I. WELLER,

*Sec. pro Tem.*

Adopted by the Society April 12, 1894.

(Signed)

MARCUS BAKER,

*Recording Secretary.*

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Received for record 11:30 a m, May 3, 1894, and recorded  
in Liber No 6, folio 416 et seq., "Acts of Incorporation" for the  
District of Columbia.*

GEO. F. SCHAYER, *Dep. Recorder.*

Know all men by these presents that we, the undersigned,  
1, Marcus Baker; 2, Swan M. Burnett; 3, Worthington C.  
Ford; 4, Kate Field; 5, Lawrence Gardner; 6, William W.  
Godding; 7, G. Brown Goode; 8, Alexander B. Hagner; 9,  
William T. Harris; 10, James F. Hood; 11, John F. Hurst;  
12, Gardiner G. Hubbard; 13, John J. Keane; 14, Elizabeth  
B. Johnston; 15, John A. Kasson; 16, W J McGee; 17,  
Samuel P. Langley; 18, Martin F. Morris; 19, John G. Nic-  
olay; 20, Theodore W. Noyes; 21, John W. Powell; 22, J.  
Havens Richards; 23, E. Francis Riggs; 24, John W. Ross;  
25, Ainsworth R. Spofford; 26, Hugh T. Taggart; 27, Joseph  
M. Toner; 28, James C. Welling; 29, Michael I. Weller,  
being desirous to establish in the city of Washington, in the  
District of Columbia, a society or organization for the pur-  
pose of collecting, preserving, and diffusing knowledge  
respecting the history and topography of the District of  
Columbia and national history and biography, and for  
such cognate purposes as may be proper, do hereby associate  
ourselves as a body corporate, under the general incorpora-  
tion act of the Congress of the United States enacted for the  
District of Columbia; and we do hereby certify, in pursu-  
ance of said act, as follows:

*First.* The name or title by which such Society shall be known in law is "The Columbia Historical Society."

*Second.* The term for which said Society is organized and for which it is intended to exist is nine hundred and ninety-nine years.

*Third.* The particular business and objects of the Society are the collection, preservation, and diffusion of knowledge respecting the history and topography of the District of Columbia and national history and biography; and, in general, the transaction of any business pertinent to a historical society at the national capital.

*Fourth.* The officers of the Society for the first year of its existence and thereafter until changed by amendment of its constitution shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator, and eight Councilors, who together shall constitute an executive body to be called the Board of Managers.

In testimony whereof we, the undersigned, have hereto set our names and affixed our seals, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on the nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894).

MARCUS BAKER.

SWAN M. BURNETT.

WORTHINGTON C. FORD.

KATE FIELD.

LAWRENCE GARDNER.

W. W. GODDING.

G. BROWN GOODE.

A. B. HAGNER.

W. T. HARRIS.

JAMES F. HOOD.

JOHN F. HURST.

GARDINER G. HUBBARD.

JOHN J. KEANE.

ELIZABETH B. JOHNSTON.

JOHN A. KASSON.

W J MCGEE.

S. P. LANGLEY.

MARTIN F. MORRIS.

JOHN G. NICOLAY.

THEODORE W. NOYES.

JOHN W. POWELL.

J. HAVENS RICHARDS.

E. FRANCIS RIGGS.

JOHN W. ROSS.

A. R. SPOFFORD.

HUGH T. TAGGART.

J. M. TONER.

JAMES C. WELLING.

MICHAEL I. WELLER.

## PROCEEDINGS FOR 1894-'95

### ABSTRACT OF MINUTES

*3d meeting.*

*May 7, 1894.*

Held at the residence of the President, Dr J. M. Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, Washington, 8 o'clock p m. About forty persons present.

By direction of the Board of Managers, the Constitution was read for the information of members.

President Toner and Vice-President Spofford each read an address on the general objects and purposes of the Columbia Historical Society (printed on pages 21-44).

Adjourned at 9:15 p m.

*4th meeting.*

*October 1, 1894.*

Held at the home of Dr Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8 p m. About twenty-five persons present.

Mr Marcus Baker presented an oral communication on "The Boundary of the District of Columbia." It was discussed by Messrs Kasson, Weller, Stewart, Galt, Morgan, and others.

Dr James D. Morgan exhibited two autograph letters from President Jefferson to Major L'Enfant, written in 1791.

Adjourned at 9:30.

*5th meeting.*

*November 5, 1894.*

Held at the home of Dr Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8 p m. About forty persons present.

Mr M. I. Weller read a paper on "Dr James Ewell and the capture of Washington in 1814." The paper was discussed by Messrs Hagner and Busey.

Adjourned at 9:30.

*6th meeting.*

*December 3, 1894.*

Held at the home of Dr Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8 p m. About thirty persons present.

On behalf of the Board of Managers, Judge Hagner read an obituary notice of the late Dr James C. Welling, one of the founders and officers of the society (see page 45). It was accompanied by the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That by the death of Dr James C. Welling the Columbia Historical Society has lost one of its most useful and distinguished members, and his associates a valued friend, whose loss we shall ever deplore;

*Resolved*, That the foregoing minute, with these resolutions, shall be entered at large on our record, and that a copy of them shall be sent to his widow and daughter, with the assurance of our unfeigned regret at their afflictive bereavement.

Mr William B. Bryan then read a paper entitled "Washington in 1800; new facts from unpublished letters." This paper was discussed by Messrs Weller and Hagner and by Dr Anita Newcomb McGee.

Adjourned at 9:30.

*7th meeting.*

*January 7, 1895.*

Held at the home of Dr Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8 p m. About forty persons present.

Miss Mary Stevens Beall read a paper on the military and private secretaries of George Washington. The paper was discussed by Dr Gallaudet.

Mr J. S. Diller presented a communication entitled "Staughton Street *versus* Stoughton Street."

Adjourned at 9:15.

*8th meeting. FIRST ANNUAL MEETING. February 4, 1895.*

Held at the home of Dr Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8:20 p. m. Fourteen members present.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and referred to an auditing committee, consisting of J. O. Wilson, T. L. Cole, and W. K. Mendenhall.

The reports of the Secretaries and of the Curator were then read and accepted. (For reports see pages 15-20.)

Election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, with the following result :

President, J. M. Toner.

Vice-Presidents, A. R. Spofford,  
John A. Kasson.

Recording Secretary, Marcus Baker.

Corresponding Secretary, M. I. Weller.

Treasurer, E. Francis Riggs.

Curator, James F. Hood.

Councilor for 4 years, T. W. Noyes.

4 years, Elizabeth Bryant Johnston.

3 years, Kate Field.\*

3 years, W J McGee.\*

2 years, Lawrence Gardner.\*

2 years, J. O. Wilson.

1 year, A. B. Hagner.\*

1 year, John G. Nicolay.\*

The auditing committee, by its chairman, Mr Wilson, reported that the Treasurer's accounts had been duly examined and found correct. The reports of this committee and of the Treasurer were then adopted.

An informal conference was then had on the general objects of the Society, participated in by Messrs Kasson, McGee, Weller, Baker, and Toner.

The rough minutes of the meeting were then read, and at 10 o'clock the Society adjourned.

MARCUS BAKER,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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\* Holdover councilors.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

*To the President and Members of the Columbia Historical Society :*

I have the honor to submit this the first annual report of the Treasurer, showing the receipts and disbursements of funds for the year ending this day. The total receipts from the organization of the Society to date are \$475, and the expenditures \$48.85, leaving a balance on hand of \$426.15. With the report is submitted a balance-sheet showing details of receipts and disbursements, and accompanied by bank book, checks, and vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

E. FRANCIS RIGGS,  
*Treasurer.*

February 4, 1895.

*The Treasurer in Account with the Columbia Historical Society.*

Dr.		Cr.	
1895.		1895.	
To annual dues of 86 mem- bers, at \$5.....	\$430 00	Judd & Detweiler, for print- ing notices of meetings, circulars, etc.....	\$25 00
To one donation*.....	10 00	Marcus Baker, Secretary, for postage, record books, stationery, etc.....	16 85
To dues from one life mem- ber .....	35 00	Clerical services.....	7 00
Total receipts.....	\$475 00	Total expenditures..	\$48 85
		Balance.....	426 15
			\$475 00

\* From Miss Cornelia Horsford, Cambridge, Massachusetts.



## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, certify that we have performed that duty and find the above-stated account to be correct, and that properly approved vouchers for all expenditures are on file.

J. ORMOND WILSON, *Chairman.*

T. L. COLE.

W. K. MENDENHALL.

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES

Your secretaries respectfully submit this their first annual report for the period beginning with the organization of the Society and ending with and including this the first annual meeting.

The first recorded act in the organization of our Society was a letter sent out March 6, 1894, to 36 persons, inviting them to a conference as to the desirability of forming an historical society in Washington. Nearly all these persons had been seen in advance and expressed themselves in favor of the movement. Responding to this call, 11 persons met at Columbian University on the afternoon of March 9, and unanimously agreed after conference that it was advisable to form an organization. The usual steps for organizing were then taken, committees being appointed to draft constitution, arrange for incorporating, etc.

On April 12 the organizing meeting was held, the constitution adopted, and officers elected.

Signatures to the articles of incorporation were then obtained, and on May 3, 1894, the articles were duly filed, bearing the signatures of 29 of the 36 persons originally invited. Thus the Society became legally organized May 3, 1894, with 29 incorporators or charter members.

Since organization the Board of Managers has elected to membership 132 persons; one to honorary membership and

the remainder to active membership. Of these, however, but 66 qualified. This number added to 29, the number of charter members, makes a total of 95. Of this number 3 have resigned and one has died—Dr James C. Welling, on September 4, 1894. Thus the total membership at the beginning was 29 and at the end of the first year 91, classed as active, 90; honorary, 1; corresponding, 0.

The Society has held seven meetings. In this number is included the original conference, March 9, and the organizing meeting of April 12, both of which were held in Columbian University. The remaining five meetings were held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue. At these five meetings eight papers have been presented, being one each from eight persons; and twelve persons have participated in the discussion of them. At these five meetings for the reading and discussion of papers and exhibition of articles of historical interest, the average attendance was 35, the largest being 40, and the smallest 25.

The Board of Managers, which consists of fifteen persons, to whom all the business of the Society is entrusted, has held eight meetings. The average attendance at these meetings was eight, the largest eleven, and the smallest five. The vacancy in the board caused by the death of Dr Welling was filled by the election of Hon. John A. Kasson.

The only publication made was that of a leaflet or circular containing the constitution, articles of incorporation, and list of officers. A plan of publication has, however, been carefully prepared, considered, and adopted, and it is expected that the first formal publication of the Society will appear in the near future.

(Signed)

MARCUS BAKER,

M. I. WELLER,

*Secretaries.*

February 4, 1895.

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CURATOR

To the Curator belongs the duty of receiving and caring for the collections made by the Society. To him also falls such correspondence as grows out of or is incident to such collections. No special plan has yet been devised or put in operation for the systematic gathering of historical material. Meanwhile, however, material begins to gather almost spontaneously. Letters of acknowledgment to the donors have been sent for each gift received. Fifteen books, about twenty pamphlets and miscellaneous papers, and one coin were presented during the year.

Following is a list of the Society's acquisitions during the year :

1. CASS (LEWIS). A discourse before the American Historical Society, January 30, 1836. 8vo, Washington, 1836.
2. STONE (HORATIO). Addresses before the Washington Art Association. 8vo, Washington, 1858.
3. WARDEN (D. B.). A chorographical and statistical description of the District of Columbia. 8vo, Paris, 1816.
4. Methodist Magazine (The) for the year 1814. 8vo, Dublin.
5. NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Collections of, for 1809. Vol. 1. 8vo, New York, 1811.
6. TAX RECEIPTS. (a) Receipt of Richard Duvall, dated September 6, 1817, for taxes collected on property in Prince George's county, Maryland, assessed to Will Pumphrey.  
(b) Receipt of John Frank for taxes for the year 1821, collected on real estate and on one male slave in the District of Columbia, assessed to Will Pumphrey.  
(c) Receipt of William Ingle, dated February 20, 1823, for taxes collected on real estate of Will Pumphrey in the District of Columbia, for the years 1819 and 1820.
7. DOG LICENSE. License to Joseph W. Beck to keep two dogs in the District of Columbia, dated February 15, 1838, and signed by Peter Force, mayor.

8. ALMANACS. Several almanacs and miscellaneous pamphlets.

(Numbers 1 to 8 presented by Mr M. I. Weller.)

9. KING PLATS (The) of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia. 1803. Large folio. (Presented by Hon. Martin F. Morris.)

10. BAKER (MARCUS). Surveys and maps of the District of Columbia. Published by the National Geographic Society. 8vo, Washington, 1894. (Presented by the author.)

11. LAWS. (a) Digest of the general acts of the City of Washington. 1818.

(b) Digest of the laws of the corporation of the City of Washington, by S. Burch. 1823.

(c) Laws of the corporation of the City of Washington, by A. Rothwell. 1833.

(d) Corporation laws of the City of Washington, by J. W. Sheahan. 1853.

(e) Same. 1860.

(f) Revised Code of the District of Columbia. 1857.

(g) Laws in force in the District of Columbia. 1868.

(h) Laws of the United States. 5 vols. 1815.

(i) Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. 1863.

12. MAPS of the District of Columbia and City of Washington and Plats of the Squares and Lots of the City of Washington. Folio, 1852.

13. CENSUS. Manuscript, family schedules of enumeration, district No. 45, District of Columbia, by J. A. Hayward. 1890.

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